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## THE STOCK LAW

We are giving this week an official copy of the Stock Law recently passed applying to Lawrence County. We have had many calls for this law since we announced that it had passed the legislature. It marks a radical change in our agricultural system, and there is a natural anxiety among those who favor and those who oppose it, to know exactly what its provisions are. It has always been the policy of this paper whether we favor a thing or not to give the exact and authenticated facts, if possible to obtain them. In pursuance of this policy we have secured from the Secretary of State a certified copy of this, perhaps the most important and far-reaching law in its effects, whether for good or ill, that has ever been enacted for this county.

It will be seen that the law is a straight-out "no-fence" law, and hedged about with such penalties as to make it effective, after January 1, 1914. Whether or not the law is to be a blessing or a curse, to our farming and stock-raising interests—the industries upon which our future so greatly depends—time alone will tell. As we see it now, we believe the law will bring great benefits, especially if the people, in good faith, acquiesce in and carry it out. We may be mistaken. The people over the country—the people whose business and daily life will be in more intimate touch with the conditions the new law creates, are in a better position to judge of its merits than we are. We invite an expression of opinion from the people of the county, especially the farmers, and offer the free use of these columns for that purpose. We believe that much can be accomplished in thus counseling together through the medium of the press, in adjusting and smoothing over the natural difficulties attendant upon so radical change as this is.

Study the law, give your opinion of it, suggest its good and weak points, prepare the way for its installation. Let's talk freely with each other.

Some overly enthusiastic prohibitionists think that since the Jug Bills have been passed, that no chance exists for liquor to be now obtained by express or freight to relieve the drought now impending. Their exultations are premature, however, as unfortunately the legislature has no power over interstate shipments, hence could pass no law to prohibit or interfere with them in any way. The Jug Bills are two in number. The interstate bill prohibits shipments absolutely from one county in the state to another, and it is not likely that any railroad or express company will risk violating its rather stringent provisions. So if the thirsty buy any liquor in this state hereafter they'll have to go after it themselves. But the interstate bill is not so sweeping or effective. It conforms to the provisions of the national law which it is merely designed to supplement and make effective. Under the Webb Law liquor for personal use can be bought and shipped in from outside the state, and the state law cannot prevent this. So one can still order his liquor from another state, provided only one gallon is ordered at a time. The person ordering this liquor must receive it in person, first giving a signed statement to the agent, showing his name, address, age and what use the liquor is to be put. A copy of this statement must then be filed with the County Court Clerk, who must enter same upon his records for public inspection. We suppose that all anti-prohibition papers that are so loud in condemnation of the back-door or secret drinker, and denounce as hypocrites those

who are not open and above board in their drinking, will secure the list from the Clerk's office and publish it—which might be embarrassing to some of us married men, to say the least of it.

We note with pride and pleasure that the name of Hon. Finis J. Garrett is suggested as floor leader in Congress of the Democratic majority to succeed Hon. Oscar W. Underwood, who is a candidate for Senator. This distinguished young Tennessean sat at the same desk with the writer during his first term in college; we went to call on the girls to gether when we essayed to invade Dan Cupid's realm; together we made nocturnal visits to the neighboring watermelon patch; together we smoked our first cigar (and the writer's last) and did all those things which in boyhood makes up that delightful camaraderie which can never be forgotten. Later we still further linked our lives and thoughts by running our first newspaper, together. So we are proud of every honor that comes to this brilliant young leader of national democracy, feeling that truly no door of life is closed to him.

The Memphis News-Scimitar offers the liquorites a grain of comfort by suggesting a way by which the nuisance law can be delayed by raising a question of its constitutionality. The grounds for this attack are that the journal shows that the Shelby-Davidson fake nuisance bill had been voted on and rejected prior to the passage of the bill which became a law, and the constitution prohibits the passage of any measure if one on the same subject has been rejected at that term of the legislature. It is true that when the friends of law-enforcement awoke to a realization of the slick trick that was being played, they proceeded to reconsider the vote of rejection. As to whether or not they succeeded in correcting the technical defect on which the liquorites rely only time and the courts, perhaps, will tell. At any rate we do not find it in our heart to deny the poor fellows the small comfort that this hope affords.

After the most distinctive, hard-won and magnificent triumph that has come to a public man in years the question is heard, "What will Hooper do?" His friends feel that for him to become a candidate for governor again would not add to his honors. His opponents point to his former promise to retire if the law-enforcement bills were passed. True this pledge was made under other conditions and at another session when the laws he asked for were not passed and some of them have never been enacted, so technically the pledge is not binding, but it may be and is quite often urged that the spirit of the proffer lives and in honor binds him by its terms. What attitude Mr. Hooper himself will take on the matter is of great interest alike to both friend and foe.

Our suggestion that the extra session must pass the law-enforcement measures and adjourn within a week was very extensively copied and approved by the press of the state. And the fact that the legislature was in session just five days and passed most of the needed measures—the shortest and most fruitful term on record—demands that the solons be accorded more than a passing word of praise for their prompt and patriotic action. Indeed the last part of this legislature was the best part of it. The boys richly deserve the judgment of "Well-done thou good and faithful servant."

The liquor papers of the State are making a very wry face indeed over Patterson's splendid speech at Murfreesboro, in which he announces himself a life-long foe to the liquor traffic. One can't blame them, for Patterson's conversion is the hardest blow that liquor has felt in Tennessee since the death of Carmack. It's doom becomes more apparent, and Patterson's great mind and strong purpose, will be a mighty factor in bringing about this blessed consummation. No wonder they are sarcastic and bitter in criticising their former champion.

It means much to the cause of law enforcement and good government that one who has long been the powerful champion of the saloon has reversed his position on that question. We rejoice even more, however, that one who has walked in darkness has, by divine power, come into the light—Christian Advocate.

The saloon men do not seem to care about the cost of anything they go after, and the anti-saloon people certainly should not as long as that is the issue. Dollars are nothing against morals.—Sequatchie Valley News.

The first nail driven in the coffin of the Tennessee saloon was the killing of Carmack, and the second was when Hilary Howse betrayed Ham Patterson in Nashville several weeks ago.—Dresden Enterprise.

If the retirement or elevation of Mr. Underwood should make Judge Hull or Mr. Garrett leader of the house, Tennesseans would not consider it an ill wind.—Knoxville Sentinel.

Much praise has been given Judge McReynolds, of Chattanooga, for his steps in knocking out the saloons of that city. Credit is due Judge McReynolds, of course, but the determined band of citizens in Chattanooga who showed themselves ready to back up the officers should not be forgotten. Officials are generally ready to perform their duties if they are backed by vigorous, healthy sentiment.—Cleveland Herald.

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## Howard Chapel

Miss Kathleen Lucy spent the weekend with Miss Sue Alexander.

Miss Alva Gilliam of Lawrenceburg is visiting friends and relatives here.

A party of young folks from this vicinity attended the Sunday School Rally at the Baptist Church Sunday night at Crestview.

Mrs Lottie Escue is visiting her sister, Mrs L H White near Mt. Pleasant.

Noah Alexander has returned to his home in Texas, after visiting relatives here.

Maburn Cross of Factory Creek visited at Howards Chapel Sunday.

Mrs M K Alexander and sister Mrs James Alford visited their brother at Edan this week.

Jesse McArthur was a visitor at the Howard Chapel School last week.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely under the management of Jas Alford, Superintendent.

Walter Alexander of Columbia visited from Sunday until Wednesday with his parents here.

J S and W A Garretson were in Lawrenceburg on business Saturday.

Mrs Ben Thorne and daughter, Ola, visited J W King and wife Thursday.

Miss Vesta Dawes is visiting her grandmother at Summertown.

Earl Odil of Dry Creek has been here again, wonder why.

Miss Dora Gilliam pleasantly entertained a party of young folks at her home Wednesday night in honor of Frank and Alva Gilliam. The evening was spent in playing games, and music. At a late hour the guests departed for their homes.

## Brace

Mrs Lizzie Stewart is sick.

Miss Vesta Dawes has been in Summertown with her grandmother Dawes, whose brother, with his wife and little son, have just arrived from Onarga, Ill. They expect to spend the winter here.

Born to Mr and Mrs Tom Hampton, of Edan, a fine boy on the 15th.

Mrs Nancy Weatherley Johns, formerly of this place died at her brother's, Mark Taylor of Marshal County. She died very suddenly of heart disease. The remains were brought to Pleasant Garden

## for burial.

Miss Jennie E Dawes of Three Oaks spent Wednesday night with her grandmother, Mrs Estella L Baldwin of Brace.

Miss Bertha Garretson entertained a few of her friends last Saturday night with a rook party and taffy pulling in honor of Miss Kathleen Lucy.

Mr Pauley whose family left in wagons some time ago for Kentucky, left with his car load of goods Wednesday.

John Baldwin and family visited H L Dawes' family at Three Oaks last Sunday.

A few friends surprised Kellar Alexander on his birthday October 16, by gathering in and playing Rook.

Lucius Dawes is nearly settled in his bachelor quarters where he is stopping to be handy to his father's sawmill.

Jack Byrd of Three Oaks went down on Granddaddy Creek on business recently.

## Mount Lebanon,

Farmers are busy sowing wheat.

Mrs. Alma Luton is visiting her sister Mrs. A. J. Kelley.

Miss Mollie Clayton spent Saturday night with Miss Annie Clayton.

Jim Spurgeon and family have moved to Lawrenceburg.

Dick McCrory and family spent Sunday with Joe Clayton and family.

Several from here attended the box-supper at Spring Creek Saturday.

The preachers have returned from conference and we are glad to know we will have the same ones back.

Mr. and Mrs. Lum Clayton are rejoicing over the arrival of a bouncing boy.

Rev. B W. Blessing was in our midst recently.

A Clayton and family spent Sunday with the family of J. R. Adams.

Mrs. Allie and Emma Clayton spent Wednesday with Mrs. A. J. Kelley.

There will be a box-supper at the Mt Lebanon church Saturday night before the 1st. Sunday in November. Every body invited.

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## Route 2

We had a nice rain Saturday.

M. E Gibbs is shredding corn this week.

The farmers are busy picking cotton and it is better than most people tho't it would be.

Hollis and Hunt have re-built their saw-mill and running every day.

Will Harris and Jack Crews are contemplating starting to Okla. soon.

Bob Bailey and family and son Frank have moved to Crews Town.

Bug Belew and family were visiting on Long Branch Sunday.

W. F. Belew and wife were visiting their daughter Mrs. Fannie Crews last Sunday.

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